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Dinner helps Ludlow veterans in need

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW – Last Thursday, Feb. 27, members of the Ludlow community came together to support the annual “Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund Benefit Dinner,” at the Polish American Citizens Club.

At this dinner, guests were able to enjoy a delicious meal, prepared by Creative Caterers, learn more about the different groups that were in attendance, such as Wreaths Across America, Ludlow Girls Scouts Troop 64693 and Boy Scouts Troop 1774, participate in a silent auction, and most importantly, raise money for the Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund, which financially assists Ludlow veterans who may need assistance.

The fund was set up in 2005, and is named after the late Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran Ron Stephenson. He was also a life-long member of the community, and continued to provide his services as a corrections officer for the

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Heide Blackak and Brenda Shields-Dean from Wreaths Across America, set up a booth to inform guests about the fundraising group, and hand out pins and toy soldiers.

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Celebrating 70 years of service



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Faculty, guests, and town officials come together for a group picture to celebrate the Ludlow Community Center/Randal Boys and Girls Club 70th year as a community resource.

Mission remains to help children

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LUDLOW – Last Sunday marked a very special day for the Ludlow Community Center/Randal Boys and Girls Club, as it celebrated 70 years of improv-

ing the lives of young people in the area.

To celebrate the club reaching this milestone, an open house was held Sunday, which allowed people to come visit, learn about the many programs they have to offer and check out some of their vintage photographs.

Club President and CEO Mechilia Salaza said she hoped everyone who walked through

the halls and the building that day, and saw many years' worth of club events through news articles and photographs, understands the mission that was established back in 1950 is still being fulfilled today. That purpose remains giving people, and specifically children, a “place where they feel loved and belonged.”

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Harris Brook Elementary School set to open in 2021

By Elise Linscott
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LUDLOW – Construction on the new Harris Brook Elementary School and district office is underway, and the Ludlow School Committee anticipates the project may come in under the \$60 million budget approved at Town Meeting.

Figures from the original schematic design put estimated construction costs for the new school building at nearly \$46 million and about \$2.5 million for the district offices. After sending the project out to bid, the bids “came in favorably,” said School Committee member Dr. Mike Kelliher during a presentation at the Feb. 25 School Committee meeting; school construction costs came in at nearly \$43 million and about \$2.6 mil-

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James “Chip” Harrington announces run for 7th Hampden District

By Elise Linscott
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LUDLOW – School Committee member James “Chip” Harrington formally announced his candidacy for the 7th Hampden District Rep. seat Monday morn-

ing at the Ludlow Mills complex, surrounded by family and supporters.

Harrington, a Republican who worked as a legislative aide to current 7th Hampden Rep. Thomas Petrolati (D-Ludlow) from 1996 to 1999, chose that site for the

announcement because Ludlow Mills is currently the biggest economic development project in town – and economic development in the region is the number one issue Harrington said he’d bring to the State House, with a focus on bringing funding and jobs to the

area. Petrolati, who’s held the seat since 1986, announced last month he won’t be running for reelection in 2020.

“I’m going to work just as hard

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LUDLOW

Towns gather for regional discussion

Hear updates on recycling,
E911 dispatch

By Tyler S. Witkop
Staff Writer

WILBRAHAM – With towns throughout the region facing substantial increases for such essential services as recycling removal and emergency 911 dispatch operations, a group of varied officials gathered in the Community Room of the Wilbraham Police Station to look for regional solutions.

The Feb. 19 Regional Government Meeting featured representatives from the communities of East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer and Wilbraham. Among those in attendance were Wilbraham Selectmen Chairman Susan Bunnell and Robert Boilard, Ludlow Selectmen Chairman Derek DeBarge and Manuel Silva, Ludlow Town Administrator Ellie Villano, Hampden Selectman Mary Ellen Glover and interim Town Administrator Bob Markel, Palmer Town Manager Ryan McNutt, and Chairman Marie Angelides and Richard Foster of the Longmeadow Select Board. Also joining the officials was Steve Ellis of the Western Massachusetts Office of the state’s Department of Environmental Protection, and Erin Hastings, executive director of WestComm Regional Emergency Communication Center.

The topic of greatest impact to the communities is that of the expiring contract with Springfield Materials Recycling



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Wilbraham Selectmen Chairman Susan Bunnell (back center) welcomes local government officials to the Wilbraham Police Station Feb. 19 for a Regional Government Meeting. Selectmen, town administrators and other officials representing Wilbraham, Hampden, Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow and Palmer gathered to discuss topics of regional concern.

Facility as part of the Western Massachusetts Regional Recycling Program. Housed on Birnie Avenue in Springfield, 101 Western Mass. communities participate in the program.

According to Ellis, effective June 30, the current contract with Waste Management Recycle America will end and along with it, a payment and revenue share of \$6 per ton. Communities now have until Feb. 28 to sign a new contract, to take effect July 1, that charges dual stream communities \$93.50 per ton of recyclables and single stream communities \$145 per ton. The five-year dual stream contract increases a little more than \$2 per ton every year, reaching \$103.21 per ton. The three-year

single stream contract tops out at \$152.41.

Single stream communities are classified as such because residents place all recyclables into one receptacle. Dual stream communities separate mixed paper from plastic, metal and glass.

All of the communities represented currently operate under dual-stream contracts with the MRF, with the exception of Ludlow. Ellis informed Ludlow had just signed the new contract as a dual-stream community.

“What happened? The market for recyclables collapsed,” Ellis said.

He explained China, which was the world’s leading buyer of raw recyclables, stopped accepting other nations’ prod-

uct as a result of a large quantity of contaminated material. Ellis said among the biggest contributors to the contaminated product was a result of single stream recycling. At the same time, domestic markets closed down, causing the value of raw recyclables to plummet.

Ellis said the good news with the new contract is that 100 percent of the average market value of recyclables goes back to the community when the value is below the processing fee. The current value of recyclables is in the vicinity of \$20 to \$30 per ton.

Should the average value be higher than the processing fee, communities receive 70 percent of the value, according to a summary sheet Ellis provided officials. If the value is negative, the value is added to the processing fee.

To incentivize clean recycling, the new contract allows a community up to 15 percent contamination, a number Ellis said no dual-stream community in the program comes close to approaching. He said the average for dual-stream communities ranges between 3 and 6 percent. The fee for contamination is \$120 per ton, or \$300 per load if rejected and reloaded. Both fees increase by 2.5 percent each year.

One blow to the recycling market statewide was the closure of the last remaining glass mill. With glass comprising about 20 percent by weight of what reaches the MRF and nowhere to take glass, Ellis said if communities stop bringing

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Fly Fishing Expo offers equipment, knowledge

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW – Local fly fishermen preparing for the upcoming season and looking to stock up on gear or learn about the best places to fish are in luck. The Western Mass Fly Fisherman Club, known for hosting classes for fly-fishing, and fly-tying through educational classes and demonstrations, will be hosting the 2020 Fly Fishing Expo, on Monday, March 16.

At the expo, guests will have the chance to meet with expert fishing

guides, state wildlife experts and other exhibitors who will be available to answer questions, demonstrate fly-tying, and sell gear. Vendors include the JT Fly Shop, MassWildLife, and many more. “We’re excited about getting a lot of folks to stop by,” said Club Secretary Gil DaCosta. “We usually have people come in and keep up to date with things they wouldn’t get from a newspaper or television.”

There will also be hundreds of fishing items, as well as complete flying kit that will be raffled off. Items also include custom-tied flies and a custom fly

rod. “The expo is actually a culmination of the eight weeks of fly-tying classes and a fundraiser for next year’s classes, since all of them are free,” said Club President Harold Norman. “We’re also trying to educate and get younger people into the field of fly-tying and fishing. It’s a good sportsmanship activity.”

Also, professional fly-tier and charter club member Dan Trela, will be selling rods and providing the tying demonstrations he gives at each monthly meeting. He will also give a presentation on “Fishing the San Juan River,” at 7:30 p.m. During the presentation, Trela will

explain the river system itself, the flies that are used and the techniques fishermen use to make their catches. Trela also said he has been fly-fishing for “a long time,” and that teaching others about the San Juan River exposes them to fishing in different environments, especially if they don’t leave the state to fish.

The expo will take place from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ludlow Elks Club, located on 69 Chapin St. Tickets for each guest are \$7, and free for children under 12. For more information, visit <http://wmffclub.org/>.

Genealogy and family history fundraiser

LUDLOW – A “Genealogy and Family History Fundraiser” is being held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All proceeds will be made payable to the First Church in Ludlow to help fund the many projects necessary to keep the building in good shape including the most recent repairs necessary to their iconic steeple.

Dave Robison, professional genealogist of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, will conduct four sessions of learning (or relearning) how to research a family. Hints, tips, tricks, all designed to get people started, to help them break through

obstacles or inspire them to just “get going” again. The plan is to hold the classes on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 31 to April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.,

So much has changed in the past year alone that keeping up to date on both online and offline collections is critical. The sessions are designed for beginner to intermediate level researchers. They will even touch on DNA to discuss which test should be used and why, what it can and what it can’t do and what to do after receiving the results. The importance of social media will be covered. Used properly, it can be very surpris-

ing what it can do for researchers.

The cost is only \$40 for the four sessions which will be comprised of an hour to an hour and a half of instruction with time allowed for comments as well as question and answer segments. All students need is a pen and paper to take notes as there will be handouts to take home.

Please sign up by contacting Dave Robison at dave@oldbones.info. Send an email indicating intentions to attend and the number of participants. Knowing the number of attendees is very important so Fellowship Hall can be set up comfortably for all.

Lupa Zoo fundraiser on March 14

LUDLOW – Lupa Zoo will hold its “17th annual Winter Fundraiser” on Saturday, March 14, at 6 p.m., at the Polish American Citizen’s Club located at 355 East St. There will be Polish-American buffet diner, a raffle and music. Tickets are \$35 each. To purchase tickets, call 413-589-9883 or email info@lupazoo.org.

Dog licenses available beginning March 4

LUDLOW – Current dog licenses expire March 31. Due to the Presidential Primary, licenses will be available starting March 4 in the Town Clerk’s office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dog owner’s must have a valid rabies certificate to obtain a dog license. Neutered/spayed dogs are \$15; dogs that are not spayed/neutered are \$20. Residents have the option to obtain a license by mail.

A form is available on the town of Ludlow’s website. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, valid rabies certificate, along with a check payable to the Town of Ludlow. Send to: Town Clerk, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

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Other club staff members were happy to be celebrating the day as well, such as Donna Montgomery, a marketing intern from Western New England University. “It’s really awesome seeing all of these young lives change because of what we do here,” said Montgomery. She also said that seeing the results of her hard work [changing young lives] is “really rewarding,” and she looks forward to the club celebrating another 70 years in the future.

Another member in attendance was preschool teacher Makayla Manuel, who said she was grateful for the teaching opportunities the club has offered her. “It’s definitely a privilege to help them [club attendees] excel, as well as working toward building the community to become a better place,” she said.

Former members of the club around the time it first opened in the 50s were in attendance as well. Ray Warren, who said he started attending the club every day as a child said he took advantage of every activity they provided, especially swimming. “It was a very big part of my life,” said Warren. “It [the



Ludlow Community Center/Boys and Girls Club President and CEO Mechilia Salazar thanked faculty, guests and town officials for spending their Sunday celebrating the clubs 70th year serving as a resource for youth programs and activities for the town and surrounding communities.

club] did what many Rec and Boys and Girls Clubs’ do, which is provide a safe, fun, spot to learn an awful lot of things.”

The club operates 51 weeks a year, 7 days a week, and provides around 60 programs, all of which promote healthy lifestyles, academic success, and the development of strong character and leadership skills. To become a member or learn more about the programs and activities the club offers, visit <http://ludlowbgc.org/>, or call 413-583-2072. The club is located at 91 Claudia’s Way.



Ray Warren, a former member of the Boys and Girls Club, who had a chance to check out some of their vintage photos, said that they are a “a jolt from a distant past, but bring back very good memories.”



Ludlow Rotary Secretary Zaneta Graskakis, a big supporter of the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club, let her children, Nikolas and Eliza Graskakis, enjoy some of the toys offered by the club’s classrooms, with help from pre-school teacher Makayla Manuel.

2020 Fly Fishing EXPO

Hosted by: Western Mass. Fly Fishermen Club established in 1961

Monday, March 16th

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Speaker at 7:30

Ludlow Elks Club, 69 Chapin St., Ludlow, Mass
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Speaker: Dan Trela will give a presentation on “Fishing the San Juan River” and other Western Fly Fishing Experiences.

Exhibitors: Expert fishing guides, fly fishing equipment makers and dealers, Mass. State and Wildlife experts, other related exhibitors, and WMFF member demonstrating fly tying to answer any of your questions.

Giant Raffle: Hundreds of fishing items will be raffled off including a complete fly tying kit. Bucket raffles for custom tied flies, custom fly rod. Door prize of a complete fly fishing combo and 30 hand tied flies.

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Thursday, March 12 at starting at Noon. Lunch & Learn with Detective David Kornacki. Join us to learn how not to be victimized on social media by thieves, ways scammers trick you and how to protect yourself and recognize potential dangers. You must pre-register for this event.

Movies

Monday, March 9 at 1:15 p.m. Movie: Join us to watch “Harriet,” rated PG-13 125 min. Check out our Facebook page for the trailer.

Thursday, March 12 at 1:15 p.m. Movie: Join us to watch “Are We There Yet?” Check out our Facebook page for the trailer. 95 minutes.

Weekly lunch menu

(Registration required before 9 a.m. for our lunch program)

Monday, March 9

Grilled cheese with tomato soup and chips

Tuesday, March 10

Ravioli primavera with garlic bread

Wednesday, March 11

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

This mountain is not hiking itself

By Julie Midura
Guest columnist



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Julie Midura sipping hot cider on Wildcat D while taking in the majesty of the Presidential Range.

Three years ago, on a wintry day in early December, my husband, Tom, and I hiked up 4,310 foot Mt. Pierce in New Hampshire. We were working on becoming members of the Appalachian Mountain Club’s NH 4,000 Footer Club by climbing 48 mountains that range from 4,000 feet to 6,288 feet. We were still newbies to the sport of hiking, having hiked just seven 4,000 footers thus far. Mt. Pierce was our first time encountering winter conditions on a mountain.

It was a frigid, blustery day, and while the hike itself through the snow-covered forest was nothing short of ethereal, the conditions at the summit were an entirely different story. The mountain showed us how little regard it had for our personal comfort by unleashing sub-freezing wind chills, powerful gusts, and whiteout conditions.

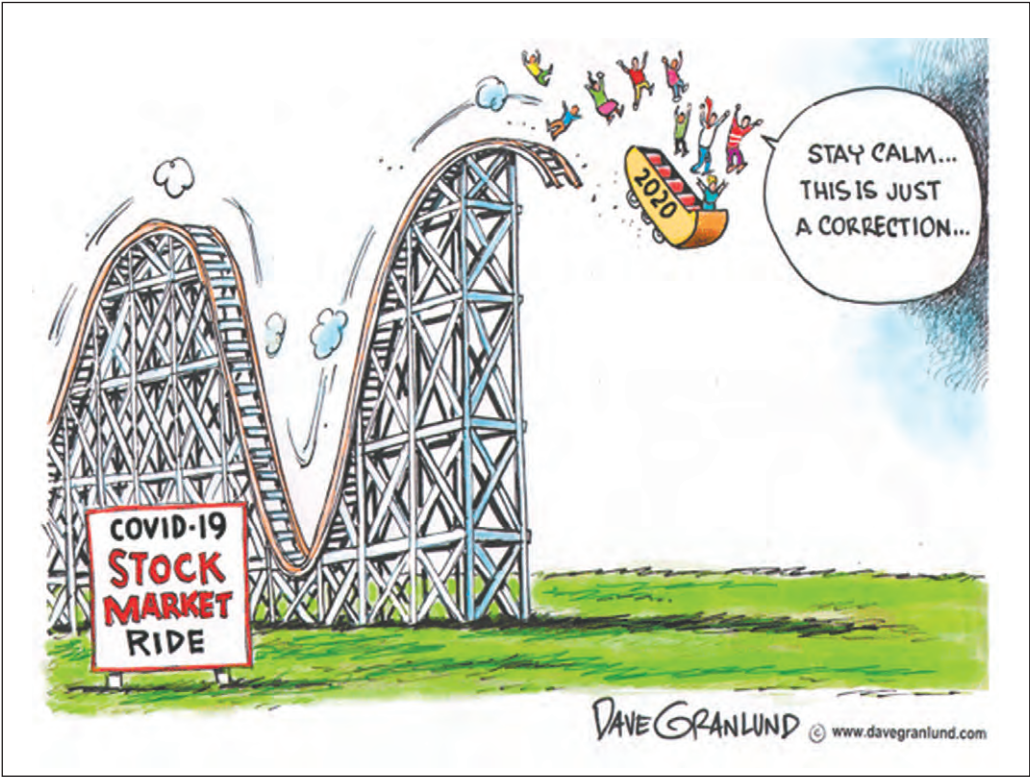
Our goal had been to bag Mt. Pierce, then continue another 1.2 miles along the ridge to bag Mt. Eisenhower. (Ike as she is known by the locals.) Once we reached the summit of Pierce, we hesitated at the trail junction leading to Ike. Was it safe to continue? Were we physically and mentally prepared to hike in those conditions? We had good reason to pause, fully aware of the many fatalities that had occurred in the White Mountains.

Suddenly, a lone figure appeared out of the trees, heading our way from the direction of Eisenhower. When the hiker reached us, I asked him if he had come from the summit. “No,” he replied. “I was planning to, but I turned back. The drifts are five feet high and there is zero visibility. There’s no way I’d attempt hiking the ridge in these conditions. I’ve hiked all 48 4,000-footers in Winter, but I know my limits.”

We were grateful to have crossed paths with the experienced winter hiker. Our decision was now an easy one. Ike would have to wait for another day.

As we made our way back down the trail, I exclaimed “Can you believe that guy

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GUEST COLUMN

Dr. Seuss inspires readers of all ages

When written words remain for generations on entertaining and educational pages, it’s a legendary legacy. And, so are the quips, quotes and books written by “Dr. Seuss,” the pen name of Theodor Seuss Geisel, (1904-1991), an artist and writer with immense talent and imagination.

He experienced the stings of embarrassment at an early age, then later as a young adult, and had multiple rejections on his first book. Yet, later he became an award winning, globally recognized author-illustrator, and an originator of unusual characters.

On March 2, Geisel’s birthday, the “Read Across America” campaign by the National Education Association, not only honors the birthday of the beloved children’s author, it raises reading awareness in libraries all over the United States.

Geisel, of German heritage, attended schools in Springfield. Two little known events could have discouraged him. During wartime, as a 14-year-old Boy Scout, he excelled in a contest for selling bonds. But, during the on-stage award ceremony, Theodor became embarrassed when he about to receive his award, but none were left! He was asked, “What are you doing here?” After that embarrassment, Geisel didn’t like appearing publicly. Later, as an eager Central High art student, he was instructed to draw realistically. But Theodor preferred to “draw as he saw it.” We are so glad he did.

At New Hampshire’s Dartmouth College, Geisel expressed his creativity and successfully graduated in 1925. Pursuing a PhD in English, he studied at England’s Lincoln College, at Oxford. There he met Helen, a writer, who became his future wife. She encouraged him to pursue a career as an illustrator and cartoonist in America. Throughout their 40-year marriage (1927-1967) Geisel continued expressing his creative genius with cartoons, illustrations, poetry, prose, scripts and in-

ternationally published books.

In 1936, while on a European voyage, the rhythm and sounds of the ship’s engine inspired Geisel’s first children’s book, “And to think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street!” On his way home, after receiving the 27th publisher’s rejection and ready to burn the manuscript, Geisel met a former Dartmouth classmate who asked to see his writing. Although new to the children’s books industry, Vanguard Press published Geisel’s book in 1937.

Life magazine noted, in 1954, that children weren’t learning to read because their books were boring. William E. Spaulding, of Houghton Mifflin publishers, compiled a list of 348 important words for first-graders. Spaulding challenged Geisel to write a book using only 250 words. Geisel wrote “The Cat in the Hat” book in nine months using 236 words. It achieved international fame.

Dartmouth University awarded Geisel an honorary doctorate in 1956. Dr. Seuss had profoundly influenced great reading habits among millions of children and adults across America and beyond. He authored over 60 children’s books, (some with other pen names), selling millions of copies, with many books being translated into more than 15 languages. His prolific writing continued through 1990, when he wrote, at 80 years young, “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”

In 2002, The Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden opened locally at the Springfield Museums, with help from Audrey Geisel, his second wife. His adult step-daughter, Lark, created beautiful sculptures of Geisel and his book characters. In 2004, across the country, children’s librarians began presenting annual Theo-

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By Joan E. B. Coombs

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GUEST COLUMN

Grow hyacinths for the smell of spring

My daughter and I were walking around the yard today. Before I knew it the walk turned into a game of who could spot spring. While I noticed the flower buds on the peach trees, and she pointed to new green growth on iris in the perennial border, I began lamenting that I didn't plant any hyacinth last fall, either in the ground or for forcing inside. I saw a pot of bud-ded hyacinths in the store yesterday but I walked right past. Mistake. That plant's fragrance, at least to me, is the epitome of spring and easily worth a few dollars spent. Here is a refresher course on how to force hyacinth, just in case you'd like to try it for yourself come fall.

Hyacinths are one of the easiest bulbs to force into bloom. You can either pot them in soil or put them in a vase over water and flowers are practically guaranteed provided you follow a few simple steps.

For forcing in pots: Plant your hyacinth bulbs in moistened potting soil pointy side up. The neck of the bulb should be sticking out the soil surface about an inch to an inch and a half. Bulbs should not touch but can be planted quite close to one another. Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. Old refrigerators work great, as do crawl spaces (most rodents will not bother hyacinths), bulkheads and the like, provided the space is free from ethylene-producing ripening fruit. Experts agree that ethylene can damage the immature flower within the bulb. Check on the pots often, watering when needed.

After awhile, you will start to see fat white roots growing towards the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well. This should take about 13 weeks. After the top has put on an inch



of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form in a week or two. When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess. If stems do get floppy, insert some twiggy branches for natural-looking support.

Once flowers fade, cut them back, leaving the foliage intact. If it is warm enough, tease apart your hyacinth bulbs and plant them in the garden right away. As leaves yellow they too can be removed. You can also let the foliage ripen in the pot and allow your bulbs to dry out before planting them in the fall just as you would any other bulb.

For forcing in water: Store your hyacinth bulbs in brown paper bags in a 50 to 55 degree location for 12 weeks. Then, position the bulb in a forcing glass or vase so that water comes right to its base but does not cover it. Keep the bulbs cool and dark for another two to three weeks, replenishing water as needed. When at least two inches of roots extend into the water bring the vase into the light. In a couple of weeks flowers will form. Usually bulbs forced in water have little reserves left for repeat bloom but you could give it a try by adding tiny amounts of liquid fertilizer to the water to help ripen the foliage after the flower stalks have been removed. Once it yellows, allow the bulb to dry out and plant in the fall with your fingers crossed.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Stockbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Get Your Pink On to host six Patriots Super Bowl trophies



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LUDLOW – As part of the annual Get Your Pink On fundraising event on March 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Ludlow Country Club, 648 East St., the six Patriots Super Bowl trophies will be present and available for photographs with the general public. A set of photographs will cost \$10, with \$5 being donated to Get Your Pink On and \$5 being donated to the Sheriff's Association.

Get Your Pink On is an annual dinner fundraiser benefiting the Cancer Care Pa-

tient Fund at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, which serves as a "safety net" program, available to patients and their families who have a specific financial hardship because of a cancer diagnosis or treatment.

Get Your Pink On will start at 5:30 p.m. and will end at about 10 p.m.

Tickets to the dinner, live auction and dancing are \$35 per person. For more information about purchasing tickets for the dinner, call Amanda Carpe at 413-583-5196, ext. 8001.

Historic Classical to 'Spring Ahead' with concert

SPRINGFIELD – All are invited to a free band concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at Classical High Condominiums, 235 State St., Springfield. The concert, titled "Music to Spring Ahead," will herald the first day of Daylight Savings Time.

The concert will be performed by members of the Sci-Tech Band, the recognized young musicians from Springfield's High School of Science and Technology, and Music Director Gary Bernice will lead his group through an energizing, upbeat program.

The concert is sponsored by Historic Classical, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the former Classical High School. The mission of Historic Classical is to keep the history and memories of the former high school alive by inviting the public to events.

The audience is encouraged to arrive early for the free concert. Free pizza and other refreshments will be available. For more information, write info@Historic-Classical.org or call 636-9550.

HIKING from Page 6

hiked all 48 4Ks in winter?! I'm sure that we'll do a few of them in the winter months, but I would never attempt the entire list of 48 peaks in winter!" Tom agreed. We weren't that crazy!

Three years later, Tom and I are more than halfway through the Winter 48 list, having been actively climbing them over the past two winters. We had anticipated that we'd get a dozen peaks completed this winter as well, but facial skin cancer surgery that required a skin graft in early December has kept us off the mountains for almost three months. This past weekend, cleared to hike by my surgeon, we drove to New Hampshire to make up for lost time. We hiked the Wildcats on Saturday, a nine-mile out and back hike over four mountains along Wildcat Ridge Trail. It took us eight hours. By the time we reached the car, our legs were retaliating. I realized that my surgeon mandated 12-week abstinence from hiking greatly contributed to the deterioration of my former legs-of-steel-from-hiking-every-weekend fitness level. And since Tom and I usually hike together, his lack of muscle tone pretty much matched mine. Attempting to reach the summits of several 4,000-plus

foot mountains in the span of two days might have been overly ambitious after not hiking for three months. Regardless, we stretched our aching muscles, and prayed that our legs would recover after a good night's sleep. After all, we still had three more mountains to climb on Sunday.

We awoke Sunday morning, and after loading up on Vitamin i, (more commonly known as ibuprofen), we drove to Nineteen Mile Brook Trail to hike the Carters. We were facing 13 miles of snow-covered trails that would take us up and over three 4,000 footers. When we were five miles into our hike, we took a break to refuel before the final push to our first summit of the day. After resting for several minutes, I turned to Tom and said, "What do you say? This mountain's not climbing itself."

We reached Carter Dome at 11 a.m., and the magnificent views helped take our minds off of the exhaustion. Temporarily. Sheer determination alone is what helped is make it up the next mountain... South Carter.

At one point, I was about 50 feet behind Tom on a steep incline. I was unable to seem him, but was still within earshot. Suddenly, I came upon a single snowshoe in the middle of the trail. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. My mountain

man had inadvertently stepped right out of one of his snowshoes, and continued hiking 50 feet up the steep trail without even noticing that one foot was in a bare boot. Not one to miss an opportunity, I yelled up to him, "Hey babe, are you missing something?!" "What did I drop?" he hollered back. I couldn't help but laugh as I exclaimed, "Look down at your feet!"

By the time we reached Middle Carter, our final mountain of the day, our legs were waging a full-scale revolt, and we were seriously questioning our sanity. The last three miles seemed never-ending, and I was practically delirious from exhaustion when we finally reached the road at 4:30 p.m. We had been hiking for nine and a half hours.

Unfortunately, since we had done a loop hike, we faced an uphill road walk back to the trailhead where our car was parked. Although just under half of a mile, it's a mathematical fact that after a long day in the mountains, half a mile becomes the equivalent of five miles. No, seriously... that's not an exaggeration. I was fairly certain that I'd collapse if I had to take one more step.

Which left us with only one option. When we came out of the woods,

we plodded across Route 16, and summoned up just enough energy to lift our arms straight out, parallel to the road... and raise our thumbs up in the air. The desperate look we wore on our faces worked, because we secured a ride in less than a minute.

Exhaustion and sore legs aside, we have now completed 30 peaks of the New Hampshire 48 Four Thousand Footers in winter. In hindsight, I guess that we really are that crazy!

Peace, and hike on friends!

Julie Midura is a frequent hiker and a Ludlow resident.

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dor Seuss Geisel Awards. Also, in 2012, Dartmouth Medical School was renamed the "Audrey and Theodor Geisel Medical School" because of the many years of outstanding generosity by the Geisel family.

To this day Theodor Geisel would be amazed at how many children and adults recite lines from his books. Yes, Dr. Seuss writings still inspires readers of all ages.

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INDIAN ORCHARD

Indian Orchard Citizens Council to host annual meeting

INDIAN ORCHARD – The Indian Orchard Citizens Council will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m., at 117 Main St. The Council looks forward to hearing from city officials including its own Ward 8 City Councilor Orlando Ramos and the City Council President Justin Hurst and City Councilor Jesse Lederman, and possibly others, on the status of the neighborhood and city. It is also looking for board members to fill vacant seats on the

council. Those who love Indian Orchard or have a business there please come out and find out how to get involved. The Council looks forward to hearing from its neighbors about what they would like to see in the Orchard and hear what could be improved. It looks forward to seeing residents and business people on March 11. Anyone may reach President Zaida Goven at iocc.council@gmail.com for information on how to get involved.

Immaculate Conception Church offers annual fish dinners

INDIAN ORCHARD – Immaculate Conception Church in Indian Orchard, located at 25 Parker St., will be hosting their annual fish dinners every Friday through April 3, in the parish hall. Diners may eat in or order take-out from 4 through 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults and

\$6 for children under 10. The meal consists of a choice of fried or baked fish, mashed potatoes or French fries, homemade coleslaw and beverage. Dessert may be purchased separately and frozen homemade pierogi, golabki and cabbage soup will be available for purchase.

Brown Bag day, March 6

INDIAN ORCHARD – The Food Bank of Western Mass Indian Orchard Brown Bag will be Friday, March 6, at 117 Myrtle St. at the Myrtle Street Park. Pick up is no earlier than noon and no later

then 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed and appreciated and are asked to please arrive by 11 a.m. Anyone with questions please feel free to call Linda at 413-301-5213.

HARRIS BROOK ELEMENTARY

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lion for the district offices.

A little over \$11 million has been set aside for furniture, fixed equipment, technology and other soft costs, which will come out of the contingency fund, Kelliher said. The new school will combine the current Veterans Park and Chapin Street schools to house second through fifth grades.

“This is a really good spot to be in – the project is in a healthy position right now,” Kelliher said, also pointing to the low number of change orders the project has warranted so far, only totaling about \$200,000 with another \$80,000 expected, he said.. The largest change order so far has been \$74,000 for a pump system in the elevator pits that had to be switched out after a change in the state plumbing codes.

Phase 1 – the completion of the school building and district office – is intended to be “substantially complete” in Apr. 2021 and ready for students by Sept. 2021, said Evan Warner, senior project manager at STV Inc., the owner’s project manager.

Phase 2 – abatement and demolition of the old Chapin Street school building and the development of the athletic fields – is expected to be substantially complete in Nov. 2021, with demolition of the old school building slated for that summer before students return for the school year.

The project’s total cost won’t be known until construction is done and an audit has been completed, Kelliher said.

“The hope is that at the end of the project, there’s unspent money that Ludlow can reallocate at Town Meeting or some other thing once the project is

finished,” Warner said.

The project is being funded in part by a \$27 million grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, which is given to the town once the project and an audit have been completed. The process can take one to three years to close out, Kelliher said.

But the grant only covers approved costs, and so far, the town has “taken the biggest hit” on changes made to construction plans for the central office, which was a “non-approved cost” and isn’t reimbursable by the grant. But the central office construction still fits within the overall project budget, otherwise it could have been excluded, Kelliher said.

School Committee chair Charles Mullin also said that “the question has come up – if the project is \$4 million under budget, why can’t you use that money for the track and field project?”

“You can’t,” Kelliher responded. “The money that’s been allocated for this project, both the town funds and the MSBA funds, can only be spent for that project. That’s a hard stop, no exceptions... it has to stay on the site.”

Along with the new school and office buildings, the project also includes plans for cleaning up the edge of the wetlands along the brook and installing a play area. The committee has been working with the Conservation Commission to get an easement allowing playground space within the 200-foot setback from the wetlands, Kelliher said.

According to the Ludlow Public Schools’ website, the new Harris Brook school will enroll approximately 630 students and will alleviate space constraints at the current Chapin Street and Veterans Park schools, which have also been in need of “dramatic upgrade and modernization.”

Have Something to Share?

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At the Ron Stephenson Memorial Fund Benefit Dinner guests had the chance to participate in a sports memorabilia auction.



Guests enjoy their food, provided by Creative Caterers.

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Members of Troop 1774 take a break from passing out food to take a group photo.



Desforges VFW Post 3236 Commander Paul Chrzan, one of two co-executors of the benefit dinner, gets a refreshing drink.



Kathy A. Sullivan, of Creative Caterers, with a fresh batch of delicious cannolis.

HELPING VETERANS from Page 1

Hampden County House of Corrections, and helped coordinate the annual Toys For Tots Campaign. When he died in 2005, the memorial fund was set up in his name, to continue his mission of supporting local veterans with funds that cover food, shelter, clothing and other expenses.

The dinner, which was put together by the co-executors Veterans Services Director Eric Segundo and Desforges VFW Post 3236 Commander Paul Chrzan. They received assistance from the Polish American Club's Bingo group, who helped find volunteers for the dinner, and rented out the room for the event.

Segundo, after spending some time handing out dinner tickets, said he was very pleased that people were able to take some time out of their day to come

and show their support. "Its always great that the community comes out to show their support to the veterans in town," said Segundo. "The community has always been 150 percent supportive of any veterans activities. By coming out tonight, they had a nice dinner and also supported a good cause." Chrzan, who also said he was happy that people came to support the fundraiser, said the different groups and the silent auction definitely "enhanced the evening." David Kenniston, exalted ruler of the Ludlow Lodge Elks #2448, came by to present a check of \$150. Vietnam veteran Steve Sawyer said he was happy that he and other residents came out to contribute to the memorial fund. "As a Vietnam veteran, we hate to admit when a vet needs help," said Sawyer. He also said that this benefit dinner is a nice way for veterans to

receive help, while remaining anonymous. Another guest, Elizabeth Courtney, who has always attended the dinner with her schoolmates as the "Class of 1973 of Ludlow High School," said that because a lot of their parents, uncles, and aunts were in the military during World War II, they know firsthand how important it is to show their support

and properly thank them for their service. "We understand the importance of supporting the military, because they support us by giving their lives for our country if they have to," said Courtney. Anyone willing to donate to the fund is welcome to do so. For more information, call 413-583-5623, or visit the Ludlow Veterans' Services Office, located on 488 Chapin St.



Chete Niedbala and Tina Sullivan take a break from their meal to take a group photo.

Director of Veteran Services Eric Segundo, who also serves as one of the co-executors of the benefit dinner, made his way around the room making sure all of the guests were having a good time.



Sindy and Aravella Fournier spent some mother-daughter time selling cookies for Girl Scout Troop 64693.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Yields Manila hemp
- 6. A type of gin
- 10. Japanese ankle sock
- 14. Swiss city
- 15. Applied to
- 17. Achievements
- 19. Japanese title
- 20. Possesses
- 21. Belgian city
- 22. Child
- 23. Great delight
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Gathered
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Path
- 32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
- 34. A citizen of Denmark
- 35. Flat
- 37. Upper-class young women
- 38. Payment (abbr.)
- 39. Distort
- 40. Affirmative! (slang)

- 41. One who has a child
- 43. Without
- 45. Workplace safety agency
- 46. Political action committee
- 47. Period of plant and animal life
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 53. State of being kept secret
- 57. Hobbies
- 58. One-time Korean ruler
- 59. Sudden attack
- 60. Born of
- 61. Assists

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 2. Famed composer
- 3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
- 4. Chief executive officer

- 5. Defunct Syrian political party
- 6. Thin wood
- 7. Polynesian garlands
- 8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
- 9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
- 10. Multi-leveled
- 11. Influential diarist
- 12. Gambles
- 13. Many subconsciousnesses
- 16. Current unit
- 18. Illumination unit
- 22. Tantalum
- 23. Steps leading down to a river
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Before
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Mountain range in China
- 29. Payroll company
- 30. A way to pack together
- 31. Business designation

- 33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
- 35. Forage fish
- 36. Greek temple pillars
- 37. Internet mgmt. company
- 39. Rouse oneself
- 42. In a way, covered
- 43. Elaborate silk garment
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Riley and O'Brien are two
- 47. ___ fide: genuine
- 48. Ancient Incan sun god
- 49. Poker stake
- 50. Trigonometric function
- 51. Interesting tidbit
- 52. Adieus
- 53. U.S. Treasury position
- 54. Midway between east and southeast
- 55. Doctors' group
- 56. Women's ___ movement

HARRINGTON from Page 1

as I have over the past 30 years at the local level bringing funds back to this district,” Harrington said.

He’s also spoken to Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, who’ve pledged to endorse Harrington’s campaign, he said.

In 2016, Harrington ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the state Senate’s 1st Hampden and Hampshire District race. But during that time, he got to know both Baker and Polito and has maintained those relationships, he said.

“(Baker’s) principles are very much in line with mine,” said Harrington, who considers himself a fiscal conservative.

Those relationships could also help bring funding to projects in Western Massachusetts, Harrington said.

“I will have the ability to reach out to the Governor directly and make the important case that funds here are needed and necessary, and Western Mass. and the Pioneer Valley deserves a fair shake just like any other region in the state,” Harrington said.

Harrington has served on the Ludlow School Committee since 2005 and was a selectman from 1994 to 1997. Currently, Harrington is a part-time police officer in Ludlow and works as a program manager and volunteer coordinator for the Department of Correction, where he writes curriculum and helps individuals struggling with addiction.

He’s also a former small business owner; he opened variety store Our Town Variety on Fuller St. 17 years ago and sold the business three years ago.

“I have a different perspective on this



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTO BY ELISE LINSKOTT

Ludlow School Committee member James “Chip” Harrington formally announced his candidacy for the 7th Hampden District Rep. seat Monday morning at the Ludlow Mills complex.

district because I’ve been so involved over the years,” Harrington said.

Harrington and his wife, Noel, both graduated from Ludlow High School and

decided to stay in town to raise their two kids, a son and a daughter, he said.

He also pointed to the work he’s done as a School Committee member, includ-

ing on the new Harris Brook Elementary School project, which received a grant for 58 percent of the cost from the state. He’s also advocated for families against raising school-related fees like busing, he said.

“I’ve always been a very conservative voice on the School Committee to keep fiscal things in order, because I recognize that families do struggle,” he said.

He said he doesn’t see this as simply a Republican or Democratic race or on any particular issues, and that he plans to run his campaign on issues that affect every-day working people.

“They need somebody who’s just like them,” Harrington said. “And I look forward to working very hard” between now and Nov. 3, he added.

If elected, he said he also believes in reaching across the aisle and working with all parties.

As for the Ludlow Mills development project, Harrington said that “incentivizing people to come into this mill project, open their business and put their passion to work is what I’m going to be doing – and that’s going to require a lot of state support and funding.

“These are projects funded by the state, and you need somebody who’s going to be in Boston that understands and has been involved in this thing from day one,” Harrington said.

Fellow School Committee member, Jake Oliveira, has also announced a campaign for the 7th Hampden District seat.

Over the next nine months, Harrington said his priority will be knocking on doors, letting people know where he stands on issues and moving “full-steam ahead” with the campaign.

The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

- **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what’s going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents’ lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

- **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

- **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

- **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Students help Rick's Place

By Anne Marie Corrieri
Special correspondent

LUDLOW – Veterans Park Reading Teacher, Carol O'Shea, lost a high school friend and classmate, Rick Thorpe, in the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 9, 2011. O'Shea and Thorpe graduated from Minnechaug Regional High School in 1984.

"Although you may not stay in touch with all of your high school classmates there is always those long lasting high school memories and bonds that forever tie you together," said O'Shea. "So when House 4 was choosing their Grow the Good charity to adopt, I immediately thought of my classmate and the local charity that honors his memory, Rick's Place."

"Rick's Place supports children and their families during one of life's most difficult times, healing from the loss of a loved one," explained O'Shea. "I was elated when the students immediately embraced the idea, as did my fellow house leaders, Katie Doughwright and Jessica Gray."

O'Shea was unaware there was also a special student connection to this amazing charity until Nic Falcetti shared that information on the day Diane Murray, Rick's Place executive director, visited the classroom to pick up the donations.

When asked about his connection, Nic said, "I know about Rick's Place because my dad died suddenly when I was young and my mom brought me there to help me remember him. It's a place where people and kids can go to get help if they are grieving because they lost someone they love."

"I learned that I am not the only kid who lost a dad," Falcetti said about the place he said helped him a lot. "Sometimes it still makes me sad to talk about my dad because he's not here, but I try to remember how much fun we had and that helps."

"I was very proud of the supplies we collected," said Morgan Vala. "It was really cool because when Diane came because she told us we would be helping a lot of kids."

"It made me feel really good to know what we donated are helping kids to make



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Students at Veterans Park School gathered donations for Rick's Place.

something they can bring home with them, like the memory box so they have a place to save things from the family member they lost," said Addison Audette. "That way if they are at home they have the box to help them when they are sad."

"Everyone at Rick's Place is so grateful

for the very generous donations of markers and art supplies from the students of Veterans Park," said Murray. "It was truly an honor to have the opportunity to meet with the students to answer their questions about our mission."

"The art supplies will be used by our


on-site participants in Wilbraham, and for the many school groups that we facilitate," continued Murray. "Our children and teens are inspired to explore and talk about their grief experience as they participate in art projects. This amazing act of kindness is greatly appreciated."



Diane Murray, Rick's Place executive director, speaks to students at Veterans Park School.



Veterans Park student Nic Falcetti and reading teacher Carol O'Shea right after Rick's Place official spoke to students and picked up donations students had gathered.



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Lions improve this season, finish on high note

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — The Ludlow girls varsity basketball team began the 2019-20 campaign by squeaking out a four-point home win in a non-league game versus Quabbin Regional. The Lady Lions also celebrated another home victory in the regular season finale.

After trailing Central Division rival Sabnis by seven points at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Lions scored a total of 49 points during the final three quarters of the contest and coasted to a 53-31 senior night victory at Mullins Gymnasium on Feb. 18.

“This is a very good way to end our season and I’m very proud of my players,” said Ludlow head coach Tim Brillo. “We just kept improving in every game and we made some great strides this season.”

The Lady Lions, who suffered an overtime loss at Sabnis on Jan. 21, completed the regular season with a 6-14 overall record. They went 1-7 in league play.

The lone senior on the Lions



Mikala Stefanelli floats a shot at the hoop.



Kaylee Lyman goes for the layup.



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Kayla McKay reaches over the defenders and shoots.

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Ludlow wrestling season ends



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Aidan Robert competes in a match for the Lions this season.



Donovan Dwyer gets ready to grapple.



Alexandra Formejster tries to turn over her opponent.

SPRINGFIELD – The Ludlow High School wrestling team’s season concluded last month. The Lions placed 11th out of 12 teams competing in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 meet. The Lions managed 23 points. Antonio

Goncalves placed fifth at 113 pounds, beating Tristen Connors of Westfield. Gabe Simard was Ludlow’s top finisher with a fourth place finish at 160 pounds. He lost the consolation match to Cameron Foster of Westfield.



Gabe Simard starts his match.

Statewide tournament passes, will be implemented in 2021

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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As the Western Massachusetts basketball and hockey tournaments press on this week, a new tournament is now on the horizon.

Last Friday morning, the MIAA’s membership voted in favor of holding a statewide tournament in all high school sports, and will do away with sectional tournaments beginning in fall 2021.

A special meeting of the MIAA and its board of directors was held last Friday morning at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlboro. Every member of the MIAA was allowed to send a representative to the meeting to vote on the proposal to hold a statewide tournament.

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Athlete of the Week

NAME: Gabe Simard
 TOWN: Ludlow

The Ludlow wrestler was the Lions top wrestlers at the Western Mass. championship meet last month, finishing fourth at 160 pounds.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



Cougars reach playoffs with win

HOLYOKE – Men’s basketball won two more regional away games this past week, making it three straight victories to close out the regular season. With the wins, the Cougars clinch a postseason playoff spot, qualifying for the New England Championship Tournament. Holyoke defeated Northern Essex CC 79-76 on Tuesday before cruising past local rival Springfield Technical CC 97-77 on Thursday.

Sophomore forward Michael Castillo (Northampton, MA / Northampton HS) has attained a remarkable achievement, having scored his 1000th career point. He reached 1000 in Thursday’s game, becoming just the third HCC men’s basketball player in history to accomplish the feat. Castillo became a member of the Cougar’s 500-Point Club when he scored 532 points as a freshman, and so far this season he has racked up 469 points. Castillo scored 24 points in Thursday’s win which included shooting 5 for 5 from the free-throw line. Jequan

Rogers (Springfield, MA / Sabis HS) had a major accomplishment of his own in the win over STCC, registering an elusive triple-double. Rogers led the Cougars in scoring on the night, tallying 26 points while grabbing 10 rebounds and dishing out 10 assists. Moashaun Alvarado (Springfield, MA / Sci-Tech HS) was dominant in both of this week’s games for Holyoke, recording a double-double in each contest. Alvarado had 29 points and 18 rebounds on Tuesday and 22 points with 12 boards on Thursday.

The Cougars end the regular season with a regional record of 12-8 and an overall record of 12-11. Their dozen wins are the most by a Cougar men’s basketball team in over a decade. Early next week, Holyoke will learn who their regional championship first-round opponent will be. They could play a post-season game as early as Wednesday, Feb. 26 with the New England championship game taking place on Sunday, March 1st.

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is Kayla McKay, a forward. She scored nine of her 11 points against Sabis during the second half.

“It’s a great way for Kayla to end her high school basketball career,” Brillo said. “She was able to make her final basket of the game, which was nice to see.”

McKay, who has been a member of the varsity basketball team for the past three seasons, was honored in a ceremony held before the start of the game, along with senior team manager Alyssa Moore.

“It feels so nice to win my final home game on senior night, especially after not winning very many games during the past couple of years,” McKay said. “It has already hit me that my basketball career is over. I haven’t made my college decision yet, but I’ve been accepted to a lot of schools and I’m very excited about my future.”

It was also a very memorable game for Ludlow freshman guard Mikala Stefanelli, who scored 16 of her career and game

high 21 points during the second half. She reached double figures in four other games this season.

“Mikala has a lot of potential,” Brillo said. “She just got into a very good flow offensively during the second half of tonight’s game.”

One of the reasons why the Lady Lions were able to make a successful comeback against the Lady Bulldogs (11-9, 4-4) was because of their strong defensive effort. They forced more than 40 turnovers in the game.

Ludlow has used the Grinnell System, which was developed at Grinnell College by head coach Dave Arseneault, during the past couple of years. It’s a fast-tempo style of basketball and it also gives every player on the team an opportunity to play in each game.

“We always like to play fast and try to create a lot of steals defensively,” McKay said. “Not every team is able to play that way, but we make it work. It’s a lot of fun because everyone plays in the game, but it’s also very hard at the same time.”

The Lady Lions, who held the lead a couple of times during the first half against the Bulldogs, scored the final five points of the second quarter. It helped set the tone for the second half.

The spurt began with a made free throw by freshman guard Kaylee Lyman (5 points), which cut the

SQUIRT TEAM TAKES TOURNAMENT



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The Ludlow Squirt Black team successfully came out on top against some fierce competition the weekend of Feb 21, 22, and 23. The team had to play against a tough WTM team to win the championship a team they are very familiar with.

Bruins keep hot streak, defeat T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-26-2-0) could not pull away from the red-hot Providence Bruins, (33-18-3-3) who came from behind to take a 3-1 win on Saturday night before a sold-out MassMutual Center crowd of 6,793.

The winning team had scored at least four times in each of the first nine meetings between the clubs, but defense and goaltender would be the story of the first period in Springfield on Saturday. Dan Vladar was on his game in the opening period a week after allowing four goals on just 23 Thunderbird shots. The 22-year-old Bruin goalie stopped all 11 shots that came at him in the first, including a handful on a T-Birds power play.

At the other end, Philippe Desrosiers, who entered with 96 saves on his prior 102 save opportunities, matched the youngster shot-for-shot. None were bigger than Desrosiers’ sprawling blocker hand save on Steven Kampfer on the near post with less than five seconds to go in the opening period to hold the game scoreless into the first intermission.

The tie made it all the way to the 9:32 mark of the second before the home side finally cracked the deadlock. Rodrigo Abols won a faceoff cleanly in the right circle back to Ethan Prow, who once again let a seeing-eye wrister get

through traffic and past Vladar to make it a 1-0 lead for Springfield.

The lead would be short-lived, as just 2:11 later, operating on a man advantage, Peter Cehlarik found a soft spot in the slot area and lifted a perfect backhand shot under the crossbar to finally get one through Desrosiers and tie the game, 1-1, at 11:43.

Special teams would continue to be Springfield’s undoing in the final period. In the midst of an 0-for-6 power play night, Jack Studnicka fired the gut punch with his seventh shorthanded goal of the season on a breakaway backhand at 9:11 of the final period to give Providence the only lead it would need, 2-1.

For good measure, the Bruins got defenseman Urho Vaakanainen into the offense, as Steen found him creeping up into the left circle for a one-timer past Desrosiers at 16:15 to round out the scoring. Desrosiers turned away 25 of 28 shots as he saw his three-start win streak come to an end, while Providence took home its seventh straight win behind 31 saves from Vladar.

The T-Birds and Bruins rematch again on Friday and Saturday in a home-and-home series in Providence on Friday and back in Springfield on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. for Pink in the Rink Night presented by Baystate Health to benefit the Rays of Hope Foundation.

Lady Lions deficit to 15-14. Then lay-ups following steals by Stefanelli and junior center Julia Brillo (6 points) gave the Lady Lions a 18-15 halftime advantage.

Ludlow came out of the locker room on fire offensively, as they scored the first 13 points of the second half.

“The run at the end of the second quarter sent us into the locker room at halftime with a lot of momentum,” coach Brillo said. “It carried over into the second half and we continued to make our shots.”

Stefanelli scored seven of her team’s 13 points at the start of the second half.

“Mikala is an amazing basketball player,” McKay said. “She’s only a freshman, but she just wants to win every game that she plays in. I’m really looking forward to coming back and watching her play basketball during the next couple of years.”

Junior guard Arayah Remillard (2 points), sophomore guard Jacinda Hewes (4 points), and Lyman combined to score the other six Lady Lions points during the run at the start of the third quarter.

The Lady Lions, who held a 40-23 lead at the end of the third quarter, led by as many as 26 points during the final eight minutes of the contest.

The other members of the Lady Lions 2019-20 varsity basketball squad were junior Kali Grimes, junior Elizabeth Kopec, junior Sara Costa, junior Cat Pires, junior Danielle Smith, sophomore Aubrey Rosenblum, and freshman Alivia Hamel

With 1:35 left in the game, McKay was replaced on the court by Grimes. While



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Julia Brillo takes her shot ahead of the oncoming defense.

McKay was walking to the bench, she received a nice ovation from the home fans. She was also congratulated by her teammates and coaches.

It was a perfect ending to senior night and the final game of the regular season for the Lady Lions.

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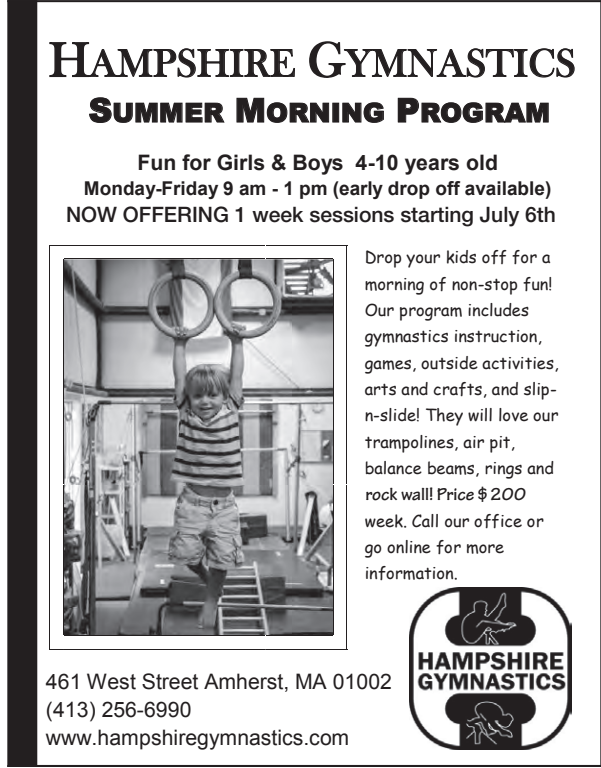


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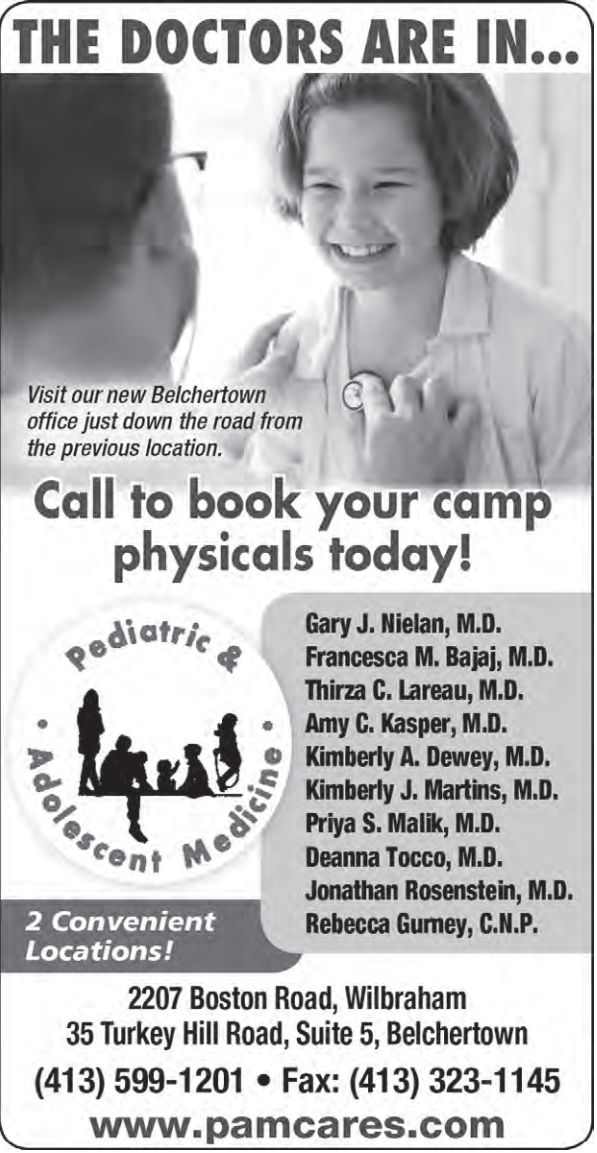
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OBITUARIES

DEATH
NOTICES

Eugenio, Maria
Died Feb. 28, 2020
Funeral Services
March 5, 2020
Our Lady of Fatima
Parish
Ludlow

Giza, Chester J.
Died Feb. 26, 2020
All services are
private
Kapinos Mazur
Funeral Home
Ludlow

Szczebak, Joseph
Died Feb. 28, 2020
Funeral service
March 4, 2020
Kapinos Mazur
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Maria Eugenio, 87

LUDLOW – Ma-
ria Eugenio, 87, of
Ludlow, passed away
peacefully on Feb.
28, 2020, surround-
ed by her loved
ones. Born in Salir
do Porto, Caldas da
Rainha, Portugal,
she immigrated to
the United States in
1970, and resided in New Jer-
sey before moving to Ludlow
where she was a faithful com-
municant of Our Lady of Fati-
ma Church.

Maria was the beloved
mother of Jacinto “Jesse” Na-
tario Eugenio and wife, Esilda,
Carlos Eduardo Eugenio, and
Anabella (Eugenio) Querido;
a dear sister to the late Car-
los Lourenco and late wife,



Rosa; a cherished
grandmother to Jesse,
Nancy, Carlos, Ed-
die, Johnny and wife,
Mel, and Amanda;
great-grandmother to
Dean and Emilia; and
also leaves many lov-
ing cousins, extended
family members and
dear friends both here
and in Portugal.

Funeral services for Ma-
ria will be held on Thursday,
March 5. Family and friends
are asked to gather directly at
Our Lady of Fatima Parish at
12 p.m. for a Liturgy of Chris-
tian Burial followed by burial
in Island Pond Cemetery.

For additional information
please visit ludlowfuneral-
home.com.

Joseph Szczebak, 84

LUDLOW – Joseph Szc-
zebak, 84, of Ludlow, passed
away peacefully on Friday,
Feb. 28, 2020. Born March 19,
1935, he was the son of the late
Nellie (Pisarczyk) and Stanley
Bergeron.

Educated in local schools,
Joe proudly served his country
as a member of the U.S. Army.
He retired from Monsanto in
1994. Joe was a member of
Christ the King Parish in Lud-
low. An avid fisherman, he loved
spending his days on the water.

Joe is survived by his brother,
Richard Bergeron, of Ludlow,
his uncle, John Pisarczyk, of
Ludlow, and his cousin, Made-
line Jodoin, and her husband,

Richard, of Wilbraham. In addi-
tion to his parents he was prede-
ceased by his uncles Walter and
Stanley Pisarczyk.

The funeral service for Joe
will be held Wednesday, March
4, at 10 a.m., at the Kapinos-Ma-
zur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St.
Rites of Committal with military
honors will be in St. Aloysius
Cemetery. Visiting hours at the
funeral home will precede the
service from 9 to 10 a.m.

Donations in Joe’s memory
may be made to the American
Cancer Society, 3 Speen St.,
Suite 250, Framingham, MA
01701. For more information
please go to www.kapinosma-
zurfh@aol.com.

Chester J. Giza, 80



LUDLOW – Ches-
ter J. Giza, 80, of
Ludlow, passed away
on Wednesday, Feb.
26, 2020. Son of the
late Henry and Rose
(Sternala) Giza, Chet
was born in Wil-
braham on Aug.19,
1939. A graduate of
Ludlow High School,
Chet proudly served in the
U.S. Air Force during the Ber-
lin Air Lift. He owned and op-
erated Harmony Springs Bev-
erage Co, in Ludlow, for many
years. He was a devout com-
municant of Christ the King
Church. Chet was active in the
community serving as a Town
Meeting Precinct representa-
tive for many years.

Chet is survived by his
daughter, Anne Clement, and
her husband, Donald, and his
son, Gregory Giza, all of Mel-
bourne, Florida; his brothers

Paul, Edward and An-
drew Giza; his sisters,
Gladys Pezcka, Alice
Wysocki and Barbara
Sawka. He also leaves
his six beloved grand-
children Krystal, Nich-
olas, Justin, Ashley,
Angaela and Zachary,
and six great-grand-
children Valerie, Si-
enna, Alexander, Anthony, Ce-
leste and Noah. Sadly, he was
predeceased by his wife ,Helen
(Mondry) Giza, his daughter,
Stephanie Flebotte-Giza, and his
brother, Henry Giza.

All services are private.
There are no calling hours. Do-
nations in Chet’s memory may
be made to Christ the King
Church, 41 Warsaw Ave., Lud-
low, MA 01056. Kapinos-Mazur
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free to Amherst and all Five Col-
lege students with ID.

TOURNAMENT from Page 11

It was clear by opinions
voiced leading up to the meeting
that most of Western Massachu-
setts’ was against the proposal.
Most of the opinions were that
a statewide tournament would
more benefit the eastern part of
the state.

But with the hurried rollout
of the plan, concern of how Max-
Preps would rank schools in the
32-team brackets, many more
schools than expected voted now.
However, majority ruled with a
193-140 vote.

“It’s not the outcome I want-
ed,” said Agawam High School
Athletic Director David Stratton.
“But now we move forward.”

Stratton attended the meeting
along with his building principal,
Thomas Schnepf. Each member
school, about 380 in the state,
had the ability to vote. There
were 333 votes cast in the deci-
sion.

With the vote passing, the

MIAA will begin preparations to
hold statewide tournaments in the
fall of 2021, starting with soccer,
football, field hockey, and girls
volleyball. Sectional tournaments
will be held during the 2020-
2021 season.

However, based on how the
meeting went, the Tournament
Management Committee, which
created the proposal, will con-
tinue considering how to make
the MaxPreps formula work. The
formula was not shared with the
membership, citing it being a
proprietary formula. The MIAA
membership did not have a vote
in the implementation of Max-
Preps. For Western Mass and
some Central Mass. tournaments,
MaxPreps will replace the Walk-
er system, which was used due
to the diversity of the Western
Mass. region and so many teams
playing in leagues with teams in
multiple divisions.

During the course of the next
year, the MIAA will expand
many of its sports to five divi-

sions statewide. With the excep-
tion of football, most mainstream
sports like soccer, basketball,
baseball, and softball, have four
divisions. The idea of expanding
to five divisions will allow more
teams to make a 32-team field as
well as hopefully level the com-
petition.

During the meeting, a brief
presentation of the statewide
tournament was given. Athletic
directors and administrators in
attendance were then given an
opportunity to speak or ask ques-
tions.

Many concerns were raised
over the amount of travel that
could take place. The extreme
example utilized was a team hav-
ing to go from Lee (far Western
Mass.) to Nantucket (far Eastern
Mass.).

Joe Gamache, representing
Franklin Technical High School,
said it would also be hard for par-
ents to support their children with
trips across the state like that.

His point was countered by

Shaun Hart from Burlington, a
member of the TMC.

“In order for this tourna-
ment to be as bad as people
want to make it out to be you
have to hit the lottery of play-
off magic to hit the farthest
ride people have mentioned,”
said Hart.

Alison Jordan-Ganger and
William Metzger spoke from
Western Mass. spoke.

Jordan-Ganger, vice principal
and athletic director at Granby
High School, said student repre-
sentatives should have been more
involved.

“They should have been here
to speak their mind,” she said.
“We missed the boat on this one.”

Metzger, principal of Monson
High School, questioned how the
state would approach splitting of
fans if two teams had to play at
far-away locations on the same
day.

He was told the conflicts
could be avoided with certain
scheduling.

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DATEBOOK

ONGOING

MARRIAGE WORKS IN CHRIST The Marriage Enrichment series, Marriage Works in Christ, is scheduled once each month on a Friday evening at the SJB Pastoral Center. Married couples are cordially invited to attend these Friday evening sessions scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. The program is an uplifting, down-to-earth video series for husbands and wives to enjoy together and is a response to the need for a better understanding and appreciation of God's plan for marriage and family life. We encourage all couples to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time together and focus on your relationship as a Christ-centered vocation. Your marriage deserves that kind of attention! Couples need not attend all sessions-just choose the dates that work with your schedule - and come join us! The sessions are free of charge and childcare is also offered at no charge for children age 2 and up. Program dates are Fridays, Dec. 6, 2019 and Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 6, and April 3, 2020. For more information call Dick and DuAnne Pasquini at 413-610-0509.

THE MICHAEL J. DIAS FOUNDATION sponsors a support group for families and friends whose loved one is affected by an alcohol/substance use disorder. The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Healthsouth, 222 State St., Ludlow. All are welcome! If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

EVENTS

BABY SHOWER Booties and bibs, diapers and more. Please come to a baby shower for Bethlehem House, a pregnancy care center located in Easthampton serving Western Massachusetts. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Ludlow Council 3535 of the Knights of Columbus will host the shower and everyone is invited to attend. The much-needed donations of basic baby items will go to clients who need them. Please join us on Monday, March 9, from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Pastoral Center, St Elizabeth Parish, in Ludlow. It will include a brief talk about the ministry of Bethlehem House, a "shower game" and light refreshments. Please note baby gifts should not be wrapped. For more information or to RSVP please call DuAnne at 413-610-0509 or Pat at 413-589-9203 by March 4.

CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING – The Indian Orchard Citizens Council will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m., at 117 Main St. in Springfield. The Council looks forward to hearing from city officials including its own Ward 8 City Councilor Orlando Ramos and the City Council President Justin Hurst and City Councilor Jesse Lederman, and possibly others, on the status of the neighborhood and city. It is also looking for board members to fill vacant seats on the council. Those who love Indian Orchard or have a business there please come out and find out how to get involved. The Council looks forward to hearing from its neighbors about what they would like to see in the Orchard and hear what could be

improved. It looks forward to seeing residents and business people on March 11. Anyone may reach President Zaida Goven at iocc.council@gmail.com for information on how to get involved.

CORNEBEEF DINNER The Ludlow K of C Council 3535 is sponsoring a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at St Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Center, 201 Hubbard St, Ludlow. Chef Mike Trexler, from Randalls Farm, will prepare a delicious meal of Boar's Head corned beef and all the fixings. There will also have live Irish entertainment, an Irish raffle table and a cash bar. Tickets are \$16 each (only \$12 if purchase by March 10). The dinner sold out last year so get tickets soon by calling Gary at 413-636-6732 or Jim at 413-543-4831 or stop by St Elizabeth's Parish rectory.

LUPA ZOO will hold its "17th annual Winter Fundraiser" on Saturday, March 14, at 6 p.m., at the Polish American Citizen's Club located at 355 East St. There will be Polish-American buffet diner, a raffle and music. Tickets are \$35 each. To purchase tickets, call 413-589-9883 or email info@lupazoo.org.

GENEALOGY FUNDRAISER A "Genealogy and

Family History Fundraiser" is being held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All proceeds will be made payable to the First Church in Ludlow to help fund the many projects necessary to keep the building in good shape, including the most recent repairs necessary to their iconic steeple. The plan is to hold the classes on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 31 to April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dave Robison, professional genealogist of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, will conduct four sessions of learning (or relearning) how to research a family. Hints, tips, tricks, all designed to get people started, to help them break through obstacles or inspire them to just "get going" again. Please sign up by contacting Dave Robison at dave@oldbones.info indicating intentions to attend and the number of participants.

FISH DINNERS available at Immaculate Conception Church in Indian Orchard, located at 25 Parker St., which will be hosting their annual fish dinners every Friday through April 3, in the parish hall. Diners may eat in or order take-out from 4 through 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10. The meal consists of a choice of fried or baked fish, mashed potatoes or French fries, homemade coleslaw and

beverage. Dessert may be purchased separately and frozen homemade pierogi, golabki and cabbage soup will be available for purchase.

QUILT SHOW will be presented by the Pioneer Valley Quilters on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, at the Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Admission is \$10; free for 12 and under. Free parking. An award-winning quilt to be raffled as well as many baskets of fun items. Items and food for sale. Lots of fun and beautiful quilts on display. Visit the group's website at www.pvquilt.org. For more information specifically about the quilt show, email foy18@comcast.net.

TRIPS

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

"CATS" at Proctors Theater in Schenectady, N.Y. Thursday, April 30. Package includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach. Free time at Rivers Casino with \$20 slot play and \$10 meal credit.

Please see **DATEBOOK**, Page 21

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March 4-March 10

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10 a.m. (Polish/English)
5 p.m. (English)
Morning Masses (Monday through Saturday) 8 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)
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11 a.m. Worship Service
See Faith Community Chapel Facebook for updates.
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Wednesday, March 4: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 9:00 a.m. Walking with Purpose – (FLBH, ER, ZR), 3:30 p.m. Youth Group – (JR), 4:30 p.m. Holy Mother Choir Rehearsal – (C), 6 p.m. Walking with Purpose – (ER), 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer – (C), 6:30 p.m. Scripture Reflection – (ZR), 6:30 p.m. Scripture Reflection – (ZR), 6:30 p.m. Scouts – (JR/FLBH),
Thursday, March 5: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 4 p.m. Drive thru Dinners – (K), 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal – (C), 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus – (JR)
Friday, March 6: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 6 p.m. Evening Prayer – (C), 6:30 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Series – (FLBH)
Saturday, March 7: 3 p.m. Confessions – (C), 4 p.m. Mass – (C),
Sunday March 8: 7:30 a.m. Mass – (C), 9:15 a.m. Mass – (C), 11 a.m. Mass – (C), 5 p.m. Mass - (C)
Monday, March 9: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 1 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C – (JR), 6 p.m. Set up for Spaghetti Dinner – (FLBH)
Tuesday, March 10: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 4:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner – (FLBH/K), 5 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class – (JR), 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support Group (ZR), 6:30 p.m. St. Rita Choir Rehearsal – (C), 7 p.m. Finance Council – (R)

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National Ecological Observatory Network discussion on March 8

BELCHERTOWN – On March 8, at 2 p.m., the Quabbin Visitor Center will host a free public program on “The National Ecological Observatory Network: Open Data to Understand How Our Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems Are Changing.” Kristin Godfrey, Northeast regional manager for the National Ecological Observatory Network, will discuss how the program collects and provides open data from NEON field sites across the U.S. that show how our nation’s ecosystems are changing. NEON maintains several monitoring sites in the Quabbin watershed that have been collecting data for several years. One of NEON’s goals is to contribute to a better understanding of how human activities impact ecology and how our society can more effectively address critical ecological issues.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the DCR Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come-first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD20P0239GD
In the interests of
Isaiah A Krasnecky
of Ludlow, MA
Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **02/07/2020** by **Laura E Keith** of Ludlow, MA **Allen A Krasnecky** of Ludlow, MA will be held **03/12/2020 8:15AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located: **Hampden Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA**

2. Response to Petition:
You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor:
The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents:
If you are a parent of the minor child who is the sub-

ject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. Date: February 7, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
Ludlow Department of Public Works
Invitation for Re-Bids For Certain Annual Materials & Services Contracts**

The Town of Ludlow will receive re-bids for furnishing certain materials and services as needed for the yearly period from 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. Specifications and Re-Bid Forms are available at the Town of Ludlow, Department of Public Works Office, 198 Sportsmen's Road, Ludlow, Massachusetts. Re-Bid forms cannot be picked up unless the bidder is MassDOT Pre-Qualified for applicable bid items. Re-Bids shall be submitted and addressed to

the Board of Public Works and marked "**Ludlow DPW Annual Re-Bid for Certain Materials and Services**". Re-Bids will be received at the Department of Public Works Office **until 10:30 A.M March 19, 2020** at which time they will be publicly opened in the Board of Public Works Conference Room. The Town of Ludlow reserves the right to accept or reject any or all re-bids and call for new re-bids. Contractors are required to comply with the Commonwealth of Mass. Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 and 27D.

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3/04, 3/11/2020

**LUDLOW
PLANNING BOARD
488 CHAPIN STREET
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583-5624 Ext. 1280
LEGAL NOTICE
SITE PLAN**

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.*** on the application of First Church of Ludlow (Alex Hillis), for property located at **859 Center Street, Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 17, Parcel 14) for the purpose of: **8' x**

12' prefab shed for clothing donations. The plans (if applicable) and application information are on file in the Planning Board Office for inspection.

***If the Planning Board meeting on March 12, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020.**

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
2/26, 3/04/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0211EA
Kristine Marie Fortune
Also known as:
Kristine M. Fortune
Date of Death: 05/07/2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jeffrey Fortune** of Natick MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Jeffrey Fortune** of Natick MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **03/17/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 19, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

3/04/2020

**NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING
Relative to PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5 LEGAL NOTICE ZONE CHANGE**

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town's zoning bylaws. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place:
Ludlow Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room, 3rd floor
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020
Time: 7:15 p.m.
Applicant: Todd & Jeanne Bousquet
Location:
347 Miller Street
(Assessors' Map 26, Parcel 22)

The subject matter of the proposed amendment is as indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours in the Planning Board Office and Town Clerk's Office.

Zone Change Requested from: Agriculture to Industrial A

Reason for Requested Change: To change a portion of the property to Industrial A.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
2/26, 03/04/2020

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Matinee performance of "Cats," meals taxes and gratuities. Cost is \$100 per person, with \$50 due at sign up. Final payment due March 25. Bus departs 7:30 a.m.

QUEEN ESTHER The three-day tour to see "Queen Esther" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 to 28 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at the Bird in Hand Inn, two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show "Josiah for President" (Dinner #1) and Miller's Smorgasbord (Dinner #2). "Queen Esther" will have reserved orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Winery visit, Bird in Hand Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Matoris Kitchen Kettle Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and driver's gratuity included Cost is \$455 for double occupancy, \$435 for triple occupancy and \$575 for single. Deposit of \$75 at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection \$39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

"GHOST OF A CHANCE" at The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gratuities. Buffet menu includes lettuce bowl, potato salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, bbq ribs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost \$102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard. For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich

Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

IRELAND TRIP Co-sponsors Brian and Alice Mannix along with Don and Sheila Healy are planning their 10th annual trip to Ireland in April. The trips are always filled with Irish music, Irish history and culture. There is an additional musician this year on bass guitar, Charlie Bonjiovi.

The trip includes stops in Westport (county Mayo) 4 nights and Galway City (county Galway) three nights. A full Irish breakfast each day and dinner each evening. The low price of \$2,349 would be hard to find anywhere else in the area. For more information, visit healysirishprogram.com and click on the travel page or call Brian or Alice Mannix at 413 589-9654.

VERMONT - July 27-30, 2020 - Deluxe hotel in downtown Burlington, Church Street Marketplace, Shelburne Museum, Hildene Lincoln Estate, dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Stowe aerial gondola up Mt. Mansfield, Rock of Ages Granite Factory & Quarry tour, Ben & Jerry's tour, Trapp Family Lodge lunch, Quechee Gorge, Cold Hollow Cider, Woodstock, Vermont Country Store; seven meals, luggage handling, driver and guide gratuities included: \$1,099 pp doubles. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - Sept. 8-15, 2020 - Eight days, 12 meals: Spend three nights near the Santa Monica Pier with an extensive tour of Los Angeles including Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Visit Catalina Island and spend two nights in San Diego with Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo. Also, Palm Springs for two nights with a gondola ride up San Jacinto Mountain. \$3,199 pp doubles, includes air, deluxe hotels, all gratuities and more. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

SOUTH AFRICA - Oct. 14-26 and Oct. 26-Nov. 7, 2020- Two departures to choose from, each 13 days with 20 meals. Visit Cape Town and Johannesburg including Soweto and the home of Nelson Mande-

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SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY - Dec. 3-7, 2020 - Four days at Westin Hotel on the city's Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Museum of the Pacific War and more. \$2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

2020 POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of these trips, call: Loretta, at 413-592-7350, Stacy, at 413-593-1172, Dottie, at 413-583-4411, Dianne, at 413-214-3822 or Jeannie, at 413-589-0366.

QUEEN ESTHER at Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA-June 9-11 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at Comfort Suites Lancaster with two breakfasts, one dinner at the Mount Hope Estate & Winery and one dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, improv comedy show and the Queen Esther Show. Village Insider at Kitchen Kettle Village, a visit to the Old Windmill Farm and a ride aboard the Strasburg Railroad through the Amish farmlands. Cost \$ 521. pp double/triple.

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THE LIGHTHOUSES OF BOSTON HARBOR After lunch at the Venezia Restaurant on the waterfront, enjoy a 90-minute narrated historical cruise aboard the catamaran, Provincetown III. Deluxe motorcoach. Tuesday, Aug. 25 Cost is \$ 117 per person.

UNCHAINED MELODY starring Jimmy Russo & The Chords dynamic entertainment at The Grand Oak Villa in Oakville, Connecticut. Family-style meal with chicken parmesan, roast pork, roasted potato, pasta, salad, vegetable, dessert, soda and coffee. Carafes of red or white wine on every table. Deluxe motorcoach Tuesday, Sept. 22. Cost is \$93 per person.

A **BOB HOPE** USO style tribute featuring Bill Johnson and Holly Paris at the Grand Oak Villa in Oakville, Connecticut. Family-style meal with roast turkey with gravy, roast beef with brown gravy, roasted potato, pasta, vegetable, dessert, soda and coffee. Carafes of red and white wine on every table. Deluxe motorcoach. Thursday, Nov. 12. Cost is \$94 per person.

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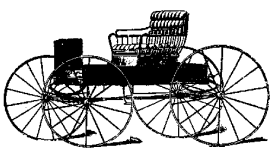
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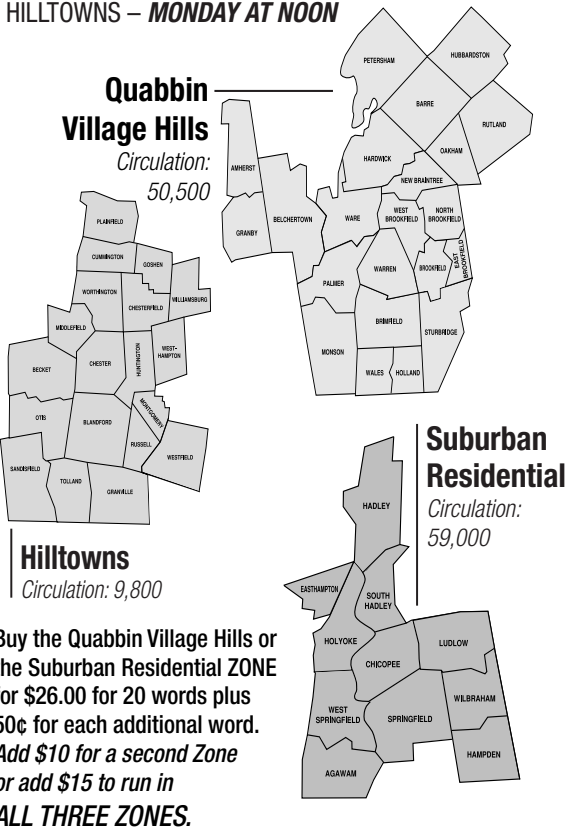
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